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(d) whether in their evidence given before the Royal Commission on Agriculture several eminent witnesses in Madras including the Director of Agriculture and past and present Ministers of Development have said that the enormous and growing export of indigenous manures from this Presidency must be checked in the interests of Agriculture;

(e) whether the Government have at any time considered this question; and

(f) whether they propose to impose export duties or take any other steps for the purpose of checking exports?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.
(b) & (c) The hon Member's attention is invited to the annual statement of the Sea-borne Trade and Navigation of the Madras Presidency.
(d) Yes.
(e) & (f) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 724 on 31st March 1927.

Industries

Report of Miss Tweddle on embroidery industry.

*1432 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what orders have been passed on the report of Miss Tweddle on the lace embroidery industry; and

(b) whether the proposal for teaching lace and embroidery to women is being considered in connexion with the proposed Industrial School at Calicut?

A.—(a) The report is under the consideration of the Government.
(b) No.

Advances to the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited, under the State Aid to Industries Act.

*1433 Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what is the amount that has been advanced by the Government to the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited, Rajahmundry, under the State Aid to Industries Act and what is the amount due up to date thereunder;

(b) whether the Company is indebted to any private persons and banks and, if so, in what sum;

(c) whether the attention of the Government had been drawn to the disputes among the Directors and between the Managing Directors resulting in litigation in Civil and Criminal Courts;

(d) what steps the Government have taken after the advancement of the loan to secure the interests of the Government and the shareholders;

(e) whether the Government are aware that a sum of fifteen lakhs of rupees of shareholders' money is locked up in buildings, machinery, etc., and is running to waste for want of a proper and efficient directorate;